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General Information

Virtual Desktop Infrastructure, or VDI, is a software technology that separates the desktop and associated application software from the client device. VDI provides a number of client benefits, has few requirements, and can be more cost effective than a traditional desktop! Read on for more specific information, and as always, feel free to contact your TCiCT Client Specialist for more information!

Client Benefits

- VDI allows access to the Tulare County network from anywhere.*
- VDI prevents version conflicts between applications, such as multiple versions of Java.
- VDI is more Secure than a desktop.
- VDI provides more reliability. For instance, if your computer crashes, TCiCT can bring it back in a flash including all your short cuts and favorites.
- VDI allows for less impact to upgrades and updates; all of this happens after hours while the client is not logged in.
- VDI extends the life of hardware
- VDI is much greener than a desktop as it uses less electricity and heat.
- VDI provides the ability to move between devices.

*If outside the network you will need a VPN token.

Requirements

To take advantage of VDI, contact your TCiCT Client Specialist to complete a site survey. The site survey will determine which options are available to your department.

You must have Windows 7 compliant software and hardware. It might be possible to repurpose your hardware to meet these requirements, and if not, there is an option to purchase the zero or thin client station. If access to your network system is needed from your iPad, VDI will be required.

Costs

- The one-time cost for VDI hardware and software is $636.43 per user.
- If you require Microsoft Office on your VDI system, you will need to purchase MS Enterprise Desktop Pro, which includes a license for Windows 7 and Microsoft Office at a cost of $710.00 per user.

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